

*General Assembly
C/o Public Health COmmittie
Legislative Office Building
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Dear General Assembly and Public Health Committee,

I am concerned and wanted to submit **my written testimony in regards my opposition of SB number 447**. This state has more gun control laws than any other state I know in New England. These bills often presented under misleading titles, such as public health crisis, protect the children, gun violence prevention, protecting victims, etc. This is manipulative and dishonest. This bill will pave a roadway to more laws that criminals will yet again disregard.

Please support freedom, liberty, and our Bill of Rights. If you really want to protect the populace of our great state, please start by enforcing current laws- all of them, including the speed limits on our highways. It is arguable that the current enforcement of our highway laws is nonexistent and a greater public health crisis. It is also incorrect and dishonest to conflate that inner city firearm violence and somehow law abiding citizens are responsible. Last time I checked, those perpetrating crimes with firearms were not abiding by the laws governing our great State. I propose you not open these offices that are of loaded with conflicting interests, and simply get tough on gun crimes. It's that simple. Fully fund and realize the law enforcement that can prevent these crimes instead of opening a fell good office that can receive donations from agenda driven donors.

Vote no creating a commission on gun violence prevention and intervention. **I OPPOSE SB 447.**

Other public health crisis' include obesity, drug use, alcohol abuse....the list goes on and on. Get tough on crime and gang and drug activity instead. Please stop taking advantage of this states lack of checks and balances in government.

Regards,
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